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In re Application of

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This is in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed August 7, 2003, for withdrawal of abandonment based on non-receipt of an Office action. The delay in acting on this petition is regretted.

A review of the file history shows that this application was filed with a correspondence address of: SAUL EWING, CENTRE SQUARE WEST, 1500 MARKET STREET, 38<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102-2186. The Office mailed a Notice of Missing Parts to applicant at that address on May 23, 2001, requiring submission of a signed declaration. The declaration was filed on February 15, 2002, and appointed Janet E. Reed at the above address as attorney of record. Through inadvertence this change of correspondence address was not recorded when processing the application. Thus the first Office action was mailed to the Saul Ewing address on June 21, 2002. A change of correspondence address form was also filed July 15, 2002. When no reply was received a Notice of Abandonment was mailed to the corrected correspondence address. The Office erred in failing to record the correct correspondence address. In view of the Office error in not utilizing the correct correspondence address, the Notice of Abandonment is withdrawn and the application is restored to pending status with the mailing of this decision.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

**The application will be forwarded to the examiner for remailing of the Office action of June 21, 2002.**

Should there be any questions about this decision please contact William R. Dixon, Jr., by letter addressed to Director, TC 1600, at the address listed above, or by telephone at 571-272-0519 or by facsimile sent to the general Office facsimile number 703-872-9306.

  
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